

Pension Application for Thomas P. Williams

R.11579 (Widow: Elizabeth) Elizabeth Eddy and Thomas P. Williams married June 20, 1789, he died April 17, 1834.

State of New York

Rensselaer County

Town of Lansingburgh SS

James Wool of Lansingburgh, in said County and State, deposes and says, that he is eighty six years old, that in addition to his testimony in the matter of the Widow Elizabeth Williams made the 13th day of November Elizabeth Williams made the 13th day of November last, further declares and says that the deponent was personally acquainted with Hendrick VanderCook and Jacob Halenbeck, who resides from two to three miles from where deponent then resided and now resides, Thomas Williams the Husband of the said Elizabeth Williams, resides about two miles from the said Jacob Holenbeck, those officers and the said Thomas or the said Thomas P. Williams and myself together with others, as it was agreed & understood, that one third of a company belonging to deponents Regiment should hold themselves in readiness to turn out when called upon.

That in 1779 or 1780 a portion of the company were ordered to go on an expedition to the North. That he, deponent and the said Williams and others went on a horseback, and arrived at Mr. Neal Ferguson the North River, where Col. Peter Yates was in command with a portion of the Regiment.

The company I went out with being mounted was immediately ordered to proceed on further north to Fort Edward, Col Livingston had left the Fort the day before with a part of his Regiment to defend some other place, and as it was supposed that Fort Edward was in danger of being assailed by the enemy, which it was represented to be in the neighborhood, we all went on that night in order to relieve the Fort, and further saith, whenever called upon would turn out in Squads or party of a company to do a tour of duty. That on arming at the place ordered to report to the Officers in command.

It would be some other or different officer under which they served when at home, and done tour of duty under the command of Lieutenant, Ensign, and even a Sergeant, and recollects that at a time himself and others were called upon to go on an expedition North.

That Capt Hendrick Vanderhoof, who resides near by was sick & did not go with the company, Deponent further says, the officers, the said Williams and himself, served under – then resided in Albany County and now Washington, Saratoga, Rensselaer and a part of Montgomery and most of the officers resided in a part now Rensselaer, Saratoga & Washington Counties and deponent further says that the said Williams was much older, and in the service from two to three years before deponent and was the said William snow living, would number over Ninety years, and further that in the Winter of 1776 all the inhabitants able to do Military duty were called upon to go n an expedition to Johnstown in severe cold weather and went out in Sleighs, and believes the said Williams went in the same expedition & that five thousand men

paraded on the Ice near a place called Cocknawago [Caughnawaga], and further says that his acquaintance was extension, did not know of any person in the service of the Revolutionary War or in these parts by the name of Thomas Williams, only the said Thomas or Thomas P. Williams the Husband of the said Elizabeth Williams above named. (Signed with his mark) James Wool

Subscribed & sworn to before me the 13th day of December 1849. Subscribed & sworn to before me the 13th day of December 1849, J. Ransom Justice Peace Witness Jonathan D. Anthony.